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1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

A. QUOTE: WE ARRIVE HERE TODAY TO PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THE MEMORY OF AN OLD AND RESPECTED FRIEND. PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR HIS DETERMINATION, HIS COURAGE, AND HIS PATRIOTISM. HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEADERSHIP HAVE SECURED HIM AN ENDURING POSITION IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD AND IN THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. IN SPITE OF THIS GRIEVOUS LOSS, I KNOW THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THOSE WHO HAVE NOW BEEN CALLED UPON TO TAKE UP THE BURDENS OF LEADERSHIP. MY GOVERNMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO CARRYING ON WITH THEM THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

B. ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE DELEGATION, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE DEEPEST SYMPATHIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE PASSING OF A GREAT LEADER AND FRIEND. UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED DEPARTURE STATEMENT: QUOTE

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A. OUR MISSION OF SORROW IS ENDING, BUT THE MEMORIES OF

YOUR GREAT LEADER, CHIANG KAI-SHEK, LIVE ON.
THESE GREAT QUALITIES OF PRESIDENT CHIANG OF LEADERSHIP
AND DEVOTION TO COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE AND GUIDE
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

B. THE UNITED STATES HAS LOST AN OLD AND RESPECTED
FRIEND, BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT UNDER
THE TRUSTED AND ABLE GUIDANCE OF THOSE WHO NOW LEAD THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WE CAN CARRY FORWARD OUR TRADITIONAL
FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE RELATIONS. WE ARE DEEPLY
GRATEFUL ALSO FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY EXTENDED
TO US ON THIS SOLEMN MISSION. UNQUOTE

3. AS FOR REFTTEL A, PARA 1G, WE SUGGEST BACKGROUND AND
BRIEFING MATERIAL FOR THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD INCLUDE
THE FOLLOWING:

(1) BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK,
MADAME CHIANG, PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO, PRESIDENT YEN
CHIA-KAN, MEMBERS CABINET AND PRINCIPAL MILITARY FIGURES.
(EMBASSY WILL HAVE AVAILABLE BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES
OF ANY OTHER OFFICIALS THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION IS LIKELY
TO MEET).

(2) SELECTIONS ON CHINESE CULTURE, CUSTOMS (INCLUDING
FUNERALS), AND TWENTIETH CENTURY HISTORY INCLUDING THE
ROLES OF SUN YAT-SEN AND SAN MAN CHU YI).

(3) INFORMATION ON THE ROC POLITICAL SYSTEM AND ON PRESENT
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN TAIWAN (WITH
SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF U.S.
INVESTMENT AND US/ROC TRADE.

(4) THE TEXT OF THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY AND A SUMMARY OF
U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE ROC.

(5) THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND MORE RECENT
OFFICIAL STATEMENTS ON U.S. CHINA POLICY,
AND SOME GUIDANCE ON DELICATE ASPECTS OF U.S.-CHINA
RELATIONS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. UNGER

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